

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 21

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate James and Evelyn Burns on the celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in paying tribute to those successful marriages that have stood the test of time to serve as exemplars for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, on February 15, 1947, James Martin Burns and Anna Evelyn Jackson were joined in holy matrimony at the Cathedral of the Incarnation in Nashville, and since that fateful day this outstanding couple has faced the world as one, basking in the glow of their love for each other during both life's joys and sorrows; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Burns have been highly respected citizens of the Donelson community since April of 1951 and they are the very epitome of good neighbors, as they always endeavor to treat others as they would like to be treated; and

WHEREAS, they are both active and devout members of Holy Rosary Catholic Church, which they have served faithfully since its establishment in January of 1954; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Burns served with acumen and alacrity as an employee with Nashville Electric Service, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, he proudly served his country during World War II, from December 1942 to November 1945, as a member of the United States Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, Evelyn Burns has kept the home fires burning as a devoted wife and mother; and

WHEREAS, this fine couple's praiseworthy marriage has produced five children, each of whom has excelled in his or her particular field of endeavor; the five children are Judith Ann Hollister, married to Gary Hollister; Susan Marie Hafner, married to Wayne Hafner; James

Martin Burns, Jr., married to Gale; Mary Elizabeth Ozburn, married to Mike Ozburn; and John Thomas Burns; and

WHEREAS, the Burns are also the proud grandparents of twelve grandchildren, Gary Bryan Hollister, David Martin Hollister, Stephen Keith Hollister, Matthew Wayne Hafner, James Holland Hafner, Adam Kirby Hafner, John Michael Hafner, Heather Lynn Burns Brewer, Amy Leanne Burns Gentry, Laura Elizabeth Ozburn, Michael Stephenson Ozburn, Jr., and Kala Renee Burns; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Burns are the delighted great-grandparents of twelve great-grandchildren, Jonathon Gary Hollister, Brittany Autumn Hollister, Leighton Rhea Williams, Andrew Scott Williams, Ashton Rose Williams, Austin Wayne Williams, Jordan Anne Hollister, Hayden Nathaniel Hollister, Anna Elaine Hollister, James Holland Hafner, Jr., Katherine Elizabeth Hafner, and Madelynn Grace Brewer; and

WHEREAS, for sixty years this blessed union has grown and prospered as an expression of time-honored family values and selfless love; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as the Burns's are truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society is built and a beacon of sanity and continuity in these turbulent times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate James and Evelyn Burns on the celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for much continued happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.